

# Newsletter

November 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome to the November newsletter. As we start speeding towards the end of the year there is plenty happening at school, both for the students and to the environment. It is so pleasing seeing the school field greening up and grass coming to life. It won't be long now, and it will be getting its first mow and students will be able to utilise the new and improved school field.

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**Report Survey:** This year we have moved away from the old-style written report to a new more frequent up to date reporting system via SeeSaw. This, in conjunction with our parent/teacher conferences has been developed to keep parents more up to date with their child's progress throughout the year in relation to the curriculum. It has also allowed us to share evidence of students work to support the reports. We would like to hear your feedback on these and will be sharing a short survey next week that we would like you to complete.

**School Caretaker/Groundsman:** Our superstar caretaker and grounds person Ginny is finishing up at the end of the year. If you would like to know more about this 27.5 hour per week part-time role, please contact me directly. We are wanting to get this position filled over the next couple of weeks.

**Hawkes Bay Mathletics:** At the end of last term we had four teams compete in the Hawkes Bay Mathletics Competition in Hastings where the best math brains from around the Bay came together to compete - a bit like the Olympics of Math. The competition is spread over three grueling stages to find the overall team champions in Year 7 and Year 8 and an individual champion in each division. In total there were over 30 schools competing.

In the Year 7 competition the team consisting of Micah Longdon, Liam Hellyer and Akio Crofsky took out first place and Evie Kersley, Yoshi Bowcock and Grace Sung took out second place. In the Year 8 competition the team of Sadie Bond, Amelia Roborgh and Gabriella Brownlie took out fourth place and the team of Isaac Bennett, Lola Brown, and Locky Harris took out 13th place. I am super proud of these students who trained hard for the event and reaped the rewards for the hard work on the night. Along with the certificates both Year 7 teams came away with some winners cash! Micah Longdon also took out the individual competition for Year 7 students.

**Cross Country Events:** With the school cross country event out of the way we had large groups of student's head to the Napier and District's School Cross Country and many also then went on to compete in the Hawkes Bay Cross Country. It was so pleasing to see the guts and determination displayed on the track by our students and then the way they supported their teammates as they competed in their races.

Some of our top 10 finishers at the Napier Schools event were:

- Year 3 Girls: Fern Borrie 5th and Leah Mitchell 7th
- Year 3 Boys: Max Williams 10th
- Year 4 Girls: Holly Verry 2nd, Frankie Ross 4th and Iyla Kohlis 6th
- Year 4 Boys: Owen Ranston 7th, Ben Torrens 8th, Leon Moriarty 9th and Reid Kersley 10th
- Year 5 Girls: Elia Giacometti 1st and Emily Fisher 5th

In the teams event we managed to finish 3rd in the Year 3 girls race, 4th in the Year 3 boys race, 1st in the Year 4 girls race, 1st in the Year 4 boys race and 1st in the Year 5 girls race. We also finished 3rd in the overall school competition.

The Hawkes Bay Cross country top 10 results were: Isaac Bennett 3rd in the Year 8 boys, Holly Verry 2nd and Frankie Ross 3rd in the Year 4 girls and Elia Giacometti 5th in the Year 5 girls.



**Capital works project:** The progress with the new classroom block is really positive and as the building starts to take shape, we can begin to get excited about getting into a new modern fit for purpose building facility that our students and teachers deserve. Based on the latest timeline we will be in the building well before the end of next year.



**2023 Ross Shield:** Two of our boys were selected and played in the tournament. Their recount of the tournament is below.

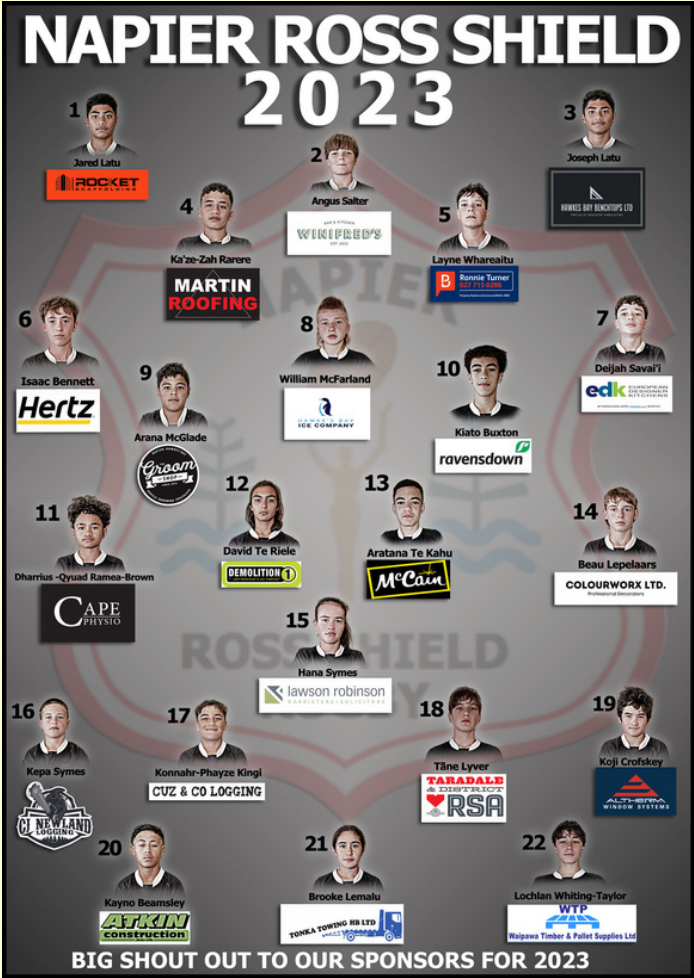
We played in the 2023 Ross Shield Tournament representing Napier which was held in Napier (Park Island) and it was played in the first week of the school holidays.

For the previous 12 weeks prior to the tournament, we had 41 grueling training sessions with our coaches JR, Tom, Ted and Willie - they definitely weren't afraid to rip into us! At the first training we did more fitness than we ever imagined and to prepare for the big week we had to do two runs one was 16km and the other one was around 12km. As our coach Tom said, "Train hard, play easy" and that was put to work come the tournament.

CHB was our first big clash, they were not to be taken lightly as we didn't want our hopes of the shield to be stolen on the first day. It turns out that we were not to worry as we smoked them 71-0. Our next game was against Dannevirke and the same as the day before, we weren't to take them easy but slayed it and smashed them 56-0. The third day we were up against Hastings East. This was our hardest game yet. They came in confident and then they got humbled and beaten 61-0. On the fourth day we played Wairoa which was the first team to score on us, the score was 82-12. Our last game was against Hastings West. It was so cold it was nearly snowing but we still managed to pull out the win 29-5.

Our team won the shield just like last year's Napier team did. We turned out to be the most dominant team in the history of the tournament, so we are pretty proud and happy about our tournament.

Isaac and Koji.



**2024 Preparations:** The preparations for next year are well underway. If you are aware of anyone intending on coming that hasn't already enrolled or you are aware of someone who is not going to be her next year, please let the office know.

Have a great week  
Tristan

# PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

**Korimako**

Axel

Fantastic effort with including lots of interesting information and details in the stories you are writing.

Martha

Wow Martha! You are an amazing kind and caring class member. You always know the right thing to do and use your initiative. You are a star!

Olivia

Using your maths skills to create a picture by rotating a leaf. Wow you noticed lots of details and turned your leaf accurately.

Ryleigh

Coers

Using your maths skills to create a picture by rotating a leaf. Wow you noticed lots of details and turned your leaf accurately.

Liam

Wow Liam! You are planning your writing using a 3 picture plan. You are writing interesting stories using descriptive words and you are writing lots of interesting information. You are a Star.

Milana

Writing interesting stories with lots of interesting information. Great work planning your writing using a 3 picture plan too.

William

Putting your ideas into action to build a volcano. You figured out how to get the water to flow through the pipe and up out of the volcano. Great problem solving and team work.

Isabella

Working hard in maths and creating interesting designs by flipping, sliding and rotating shapes.

William

Impressive work at story writing time. You are using your phonics to write words down quickly and you are writing interesting stories by adding more information.

Jimmy

Wow Jimmy! You are taking off with your reading. You are using your phonics to figure out tricky words and you are reading smoothly. fantastic work.

McKenzie

Working hard and achieving your maths goals.

Axel

Working hard to achieve an instant recall of the five time tables.

**Weka**

Grayson

Showing focus and determination during Cross Country. 2nd Place Grayson, woo hoo! Great effort buddy.

# PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

## **Weka ctd...**

Forest

Having a great attitude to Cross Country training resulting in 3rd Place on race day! Way to go Forest!

Ruby Rose

Training hard and having great determination during Cross Country. We are so proud of you Ruby, ka mau te wehi!

Nymeria

Outstanding effort and determination during Cross Country training and on race day to gain 3rd Place, and all done with a big smile on her face! Woo hoo Nymeria, you little star!

Jared

Welcome to Weka Class Jared, what a super start to school. We love how you are sharing your learning at home with your family!

Ethan

Welcome to Weka Class Ethan. You have made a great start to school, we love how you are giving everything a go!

Hannah

Welcome to Weka Class.

Frankie

Welcome to Weka Class Frankie, what a super start to school. We love seeing your passion for learning!

## **Tui**

Lilly

Being our onto it safety girl, reminding us about fire safety and our first aid Ka Pai!

Ella

Working hard being a kind helpful friend, using your initiative and just getting things done. Ka Pai.

Kayla

Being our wonderful quiet fairy who is just there to help us all out.

Freddie

Fantastic effort in your story writing, you are now adding fantastic detail making your stories so much more exciting.

Sebastian

Being a keen sportsman, showing others how to do various sporting skills.

Amba

Working hard and persevering during our literacy , you are using lots of strategies now...go you!

Keira

Being a focused class member, always giving 100% to improve her skills.

# PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

## **Tui ctd ...**

Zion

Making awesome progress in your reading, now sharing the magic with others , Ka Pai

Freya

A fantastic start to term 4, a focused, enthusiastic class member who is giving new activities a try and being a wonderful role model helping others.

Zion

A fabulous start to the term, your happy smile is infectious and you are trying oh so hard with all your school work, Ka Pai!

## **Toroa**

Levi

Creating vivid and descriptive similes in your language feature log. Well done!

Paige

For showing dedication to understanding and improving your learning in maths. You are doing a great job at using grid references and scales.

Yoshi

Outstandingly descriptive similes and metaphors. These truly help to build a picture in the readers mind. Well done!

Locky

Outstanding practice of your essential words! Your game playing has definitely helped you to master those last words on your list. Well done.

Josh

Fantastic improvement in your visualising strategy during our group reading. I can see you have been working really hard on this.

Riley

Outstanding work in writing both in the class and in your group. Your dedication to learning new skills is outstanding.

Monique

Achieving 100% on your spelling test! You have been working so hard to learn these by heart. Well done!

Locky

Working extremely hard to master all of your essential words. What an awesome job you have done to learn them all.

## **Ruru**

Dallas

Well done on coming second in our Potential and Kinetic Energy Kahoot. You are capable of amazing things Dallas when you slow your mind and focus on the task in front of you. Great job Dallas!

# PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

Harry

It has been great to see your amazing engineering brain on full display with your rollercoaster and 3D town projects. Well done Harry!

Leah

Amazing effort with your roller coaster Leah. You showed how much one person can accomplish when they are focused and dedicated to the task at hand. Awesome work ethic!

Persia

Well done with your science assessment Persia. You gave very detailed definitions of Potential and Kinetic Energy and showed great examples of what both of these are. Awesome work!

Max

Absolutely loved your drawing about Kupe's journey to Aotearoa Max. You clearly listened intently and had a lot of details about his battle with Muturangi and his voyage on his waka. Great job Max!

Tayla

It was nice to see you take charge in our Birthdays challenge and boss...I mean direct everyone where they needed to be. Awesome initiative and leadership Tayla!

April

It has been great seeing your artistic side come out in our tessellation art. You have a great understanding of hot/cold colours and your focus when reflecting your shapes has allowed you to create an amazing piece of art.

Dallas

You make a grand Kupe Dallas! Loved seeing your characterisation of what Kupe would have looked like confronting Muturangi. Awesome work e hoa!

**Kereru**

Connor

Fantastic time management in class - getting work completed - well done Connor!

Lillie

Amazing work in Geometry - expanding your vocabulary, skills and knowledge - way to go Lillie!

Chase

Showing fantastic leadership during our sport time at the Domain. Keep up the awesome mahi Chase!

Zoe

Your positivity and can-do attitude is truly amazing! We continue to be so impressed with all the new experiences you are trying. Way to go Zoe!

Erin

Amazing work and effort this term - we are so impressed Erin!

Reef

Always giving 100% effort to improve his skills. Awesome mahi Reef!

Indi

A fantastic start to Term 4 - you can do it!

# PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

## **Kereru ctd ...**

Taj

Being a basic facts superstar! Way to go Taj!

## **Kea**

Robert

Congratulations on the top quality writing you have been producing Robert! Love how hard you are working to add details and humour to your pieces.

Annabel

What a maths whizz you are Annabel! soaking up the challenging Basic Facts work I'm giving you!

Ashley

What a maths whizz you are Annabel! soaking up the challenging Basic Facts work I'm giving you!

Ryder

Love how hard you are working during our Literacy sessions Ryder! What an expressive reader you are becoming!

## **Kokako**

Rylee

It is great to see you growing in confidence with your reading and writing Rylee.

Owen

You can be very proud of the progress you have made with your reading and spelling skills.

Thomas

Making excellent progress with your reading and writing skills! Tino Pai!

## **Kakao**

Akio

Continuing to produce some excellent, descriptive and entertaining writing. Your write up of the Forensics visit for the newsletter used a creative structure that suited the purpose really well.

Sophia Rose

Some awesome work working with compasses, coordinates and scales in pāngarau Sophia. You worked accurately and quickly through your assessment - even after missing some of the learning. Tu meke.

Kaes

Some awesome work in our coordinates, scale and directions unit Kaes. This turned into a real strength of yours and will come in real handy later in life - especially in the army. Ka rawe e hoa.

Evan

Awesome work in our latest pāngarau unit of direction Evan. As long as you make sure you are measuring accurately, you can confidently use scales, compass points and grid references to communicate directions.

Tino pai to mahi.

Ollie

Some meke contributions to our literacy sessions on personification. Your understanding of examples in personification from Romeo and Juliet to Michael Jacksons Thriller was really impressive.



# PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES ctd...

## **Kakao ctd ...**

Kaysha

Some awesome mahi in our Volleyball sessions. Just like in Pāngarau time Kaysha, when you give yourself a chance and take a risk you show what your truly capable of!

## **Karoro**

Braxton

Some amazing mahi in our Health sessions Braxton. You share your understanding with others, ask great questions and are able to take a really mature approach to your learning. Really impressive e hoa. Ka rawe!

Mahli

Amazing effort with your Maths Mahli, you have come so far and it is wonderful to see your efforts paying off! Ka pai.

Jenna

Outstanding explaining of different metaphors and similes in our literacy sessions. You are really thinking about the meanings behind these, and its awesome to see you sharing this knowledge with your peers.

Sofia

You have blown me away with your visual interpretations of different language features, and how you are able to capture their meaning in a drawing - a creative genius!

## **Karearea**

Ella

Being a supportive and thoughtful member of Kārearea class. Well done for showing whakaute to your peers.

Azrial

Showing amazing work ethic and working hard to achieve your learning goals. Keep it up Azzie.

Isabella

Making awesome progress with her Writing and Maths. Your hard work is definitely paying off!

Olivia

Showing panekiretanga during our Geometry learning this term. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with your peers. Ka pai tō mahi!

## **Kotare**

Leo

Having a wonderful start to Term 4 and showing me what a wonderful friend you are to others. Ka pai Leo.

Kanoa

showing me what an enthusiastic learner you are. You are doing so well with your letter sounds. Keep up the terrific work.

## **Hihi**

Reef

A fabulous start to Term 4 by completing activities in a timely manner, and to a high standard. Tino pai rawa atu!

# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

We're on the home straight, now, and marching towards the summer break. Someone just needs to tell the weather.

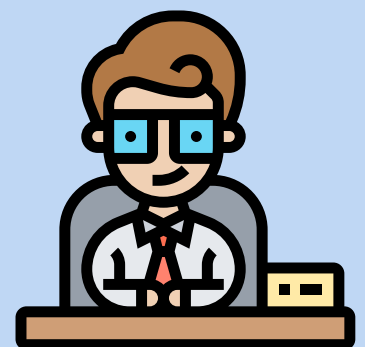
The Board will meet next week to agree the 2024 budget in line with our strategic priorities for the year ahead. We are fortunate to be holding significant cash reserves in the wake of this year's disruption and will look to spend those resources carefully over the next 12 to 24 months. The focus, as ever, is shared between student wellbeing and student learning. In addition, we will seek to relieve some of the financial burden for school families where possible. The infrastructure project is making excellent progress, and I'm sure everyone shares my joy at seeing the new structures get closer every week. Steel framing will start going up on the main building over the next week or so, and we remain on track for the first section to be complete by mid-2024.


As many of you will be aware, we recently invited nominations for the school board. We received two nominations for the two available positions so were able to appoint without going through an election process. I'm very pleased to advise that Jaclyn Hankin, our Deputy Chairperson, has stood for a second term. Jaclyn has an engineering background and is a senior executive with Unison, and as such she brings a broad skill set to the group and will play a central role in school governance over the next three years. We also welcome a new member, Jacqui Mitchell, who has two young children at the school (with more to come!) and brings a fresh new face to the team. Jacqui is a social worker with a passion for equitable access to education and adds some great depth to our school governance. Thanks to both of the Jacs for stepping up and getting involved.

A reminder to everyone to keep the evening of **Monday December 11th** clear for School Prizegiving. A great opportunity to celebrate some 2023 achievements and farewell our departing children and families. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

Glenn Bond  
Chairperson, Eskdale School Board





Greetings from the librarians.

Even though we don't have somewhere to call home, we still meet once a week. We have junior classes that we help each week tidying up their library and sometimes reading them a story. We have run competitions and games for the younger children and are now in the middle of creating another activity for the end of the year.

Thank you for continuing to support the reading in the school by purchasing books from Scholastic, the library is able to get a percentage of the sales to assist us in continuing to add some new literature to classes.

Have a wonderful rest of term and a great relaxing break, hopefully with a good book or two.

# Sports News



Two local up and coming stars (Hannah Findlay and Emma Cotter) are proud HB girls and are off to represent New Zealand at the Junior World Cup in Chile next month.

This morning three of the Eskdale Thunder Blades summer hockey team got to have a session practicing as part of a fundraising event with Hannah, Emma and Olivia Shannon (a local Blackstick).

Here are L-R Hannah Findlay, Elia Giacometti, Niamh Nicholls, Olivia Gale, Olivia Shannon and Emma Cotter.

We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming support we've received. Our Year 8 camp, initially priced at \$380, has now been reduced to a mere \$60 per child. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the following businesses. Should you have the chance to benefit from any of their services, please consider doing so with our sincere gratitude.

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# Enviro News

The Squad has been busy completing their Waste Audit and Educational video. One of the findings was that there were a lot of muesli bar wrappers in the classroom waste bins.

The Squad decided to explore whether homemade muesli bars would be cheaper and still popular with the children.

They baked a banana, chocolate chip muesli bar and then asked some children from different areas of the school to rate it compared to a bought Countdown muesli bar. The results were a draw! The next step is to cost out the homemade one to see if it is cheaper to make our own as well as creating less waste.

Our Year 3 and 4 classes have been taking part in EFS sessions on Fridays this term. We have been busy maintaining our orchard, planting the Kai gardens and working on the new Native tree plantings on the school boundary. It has been great to sample the oranges from our Orchard at the end of our session. Many thanks to the parents who have been helping us with supervision.



Many thanks also to the team of student volunteers who helped complete the task of shifting the mulch piles from the planting area. These guys and girls really got stuck in and got the job done!



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# **ESKDALE SCHOOL**

## **YEAR 5/6 BAKE SALE & XMAS DRESS UP DAY**

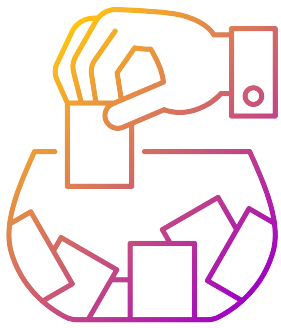
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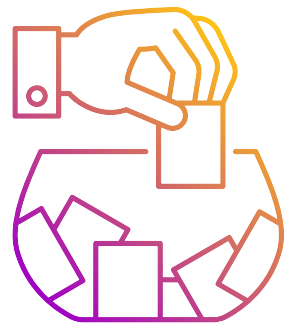
**Tuesday, 5 December 2023**

Please dress up in your favourite  
Christmas outfit





# PTA RAFFLES



The PTA are on the lookout for any unwanted/new items that could be used in one of the raffles at Market Day on Nov 25th. Please contact Jo Demanser on 0274570213.



Sweets

## 2023 Market Day Cake Stall Fundraiser

Do your cupcakes make people drool?  
Is Nanna's mud cake better than Nigella's?  
Does Uncle Jim make a mean chocolate cake?

**THEN WE WANT YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We are making plans for the famous Eskdale School Cake Stall and all donations of baking would be greatly appreciated.

All items can be dropped off to the school hall kitchen on Thursday, 23 November and Friday, 24 November.

If you need items picked up or for any questions or queries, please call Jess Crabtree on 06 211 6483 or email [jesswaller79@hotmail.com](mailto:jesswaller79@hotmail.com).

\*please leave cakes and slices uncut for maximum freshness. Thanks

A simple illustration of a cupcake with a white swirl of frosting on top and a pink and white striped paper liner.

# Eskdale School Absentees

A reminder that if your child is absent from school to contact the school office prior to 9.00am.

This can be done in a number of different ways:

**Email:** [absence@eskdale.school.nz](mailto:absence@eskdale.school.nz)

**Text:** 021 114 5845

**Phone:** 06 836 6845 (option 1)

**App:** Skool Loop

# Eskdale School Sports



All sports notices and information regarding upcoming sports is displayed on our school website.

For all interschool sports please contact Kim at:



[kimw@eskdale.school.nz](mailto:kimw@eskdale.school.nz)

For all outside of school sports please contact Maree at:  
[sport@eskdale.school.nz](mailto:sport@eskdale.school.nz)

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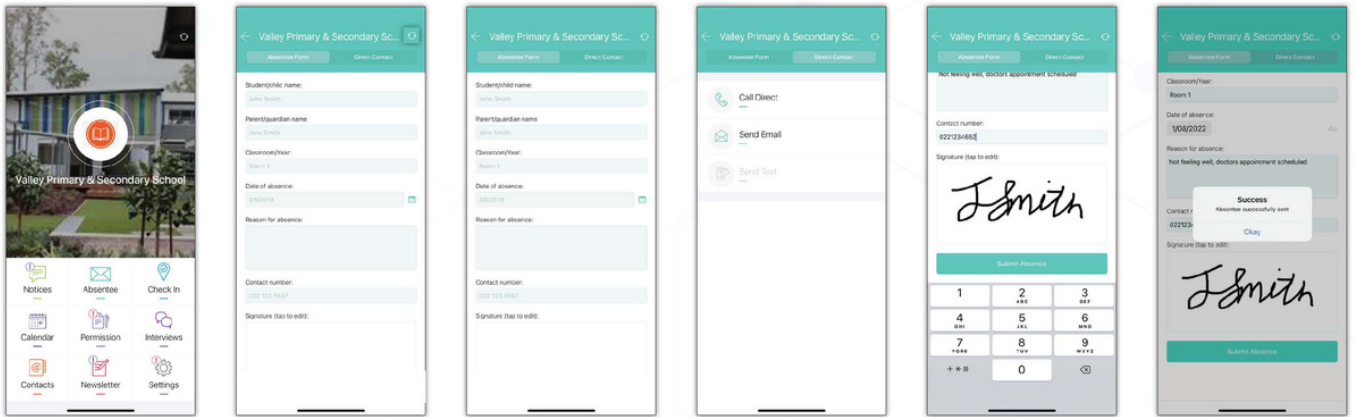
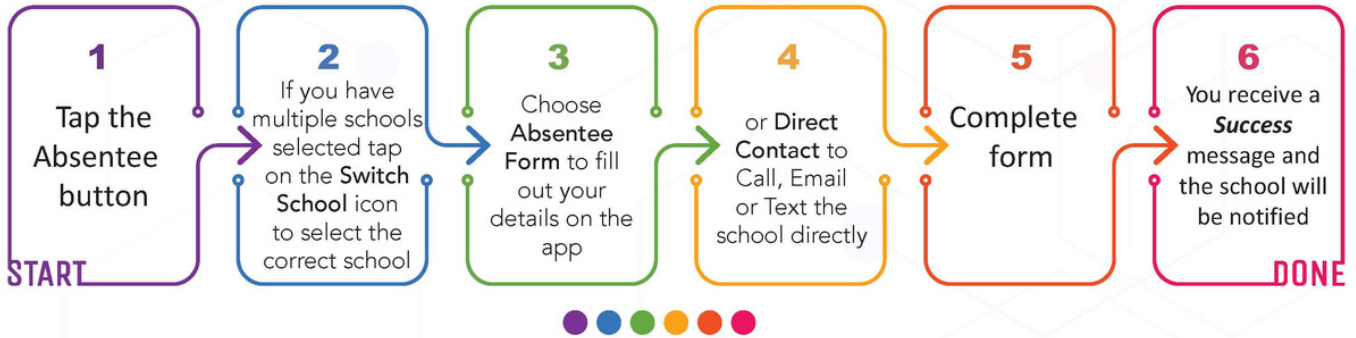


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## Eskdale School Lunches

**Wednesday – Subway**

**Thursday – Pita Pit and Hells Pizza**

**Friday - Sushi (cut off 2.30pm Thurs)**

**Orders cut off 9am on the day of delivery**



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**Following is the protocol families should follow if something is amiss with the lunches because refunds will not be given without the lunch being checked by a school staff member.**

**Children: Go to the office as soon as they notice a problem and advise the office staff.**

**Parents: Please ensure your children are aware of this, as we don't do refunds without the lunch being checked by one of the School staff.**